

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT:CERTIFICATE OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY'S 2009-2014 CDBG
CONSOLIDATED PLAN ON BEHALF OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
RECEIVING EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT FUNDS**

BACKGROUND:

In order for area non-profit agencies, such as Youth and Shelter Services (YSS), the Emergency Resident Project (ERP), and the Assault Care Center (ACCESS), to receive their allocation of Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funding, local governments (cities or counties) are being asked to sign a "Certification of Local Government Approval" signifying that they understand and agree to allow the non-profit agency to receive federal funds directly from the State of Iowa. Additionally, these certifications confirm that local governments are electing for the State of Iowa to administer this grant on behalf of the non-profit organizations. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, YSS will be receiving \$26,000, ERP will be receiving \$7,500, and ACCESS will be receiving \$13,000 in federal funds.

In order to facilitate these agencies' receipt of these shelter grants, the Mayor must sign the attached "Certification of Local Government Approval" to allow the State of Iowa to administer the ESG program on behalf of the above named nonprofit agencies.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can authorize the Mayor to sign the Certification of Local Government Approval.
2. The City Council can choose to not authorize the Mayor to sign the Certification of Local Government Approval.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receiving ESG grant funds is very important in helping these agencies provide much needed services for homeless youth and adults in our community.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1. This action will authorize the Mayor to sign the Certification of Local Government Approval for the State of Iowa to administer the ESG program on behalf of YSS, ERP, and ACCESS.